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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

In response to the Final Office Action mailed 05/02/2008, Applicants offer the following remarks:

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 21-25 were allowed in the Final Office Action.

The subject matter of claim 26 was rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting over claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 6,716,577 in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,306,584 to Bamdad or U.S. Patent No. 5,896,001 to Backhaus et al.

To expedite allowance of claim 26, Applicants are filing concurrently a terminal disclaimer with respect to U.S. Patent No. 6,716,577. Therefore, it is expected that Claim 26 will also be allowable, and such action is earnestly solicited by Applicants.